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SUBJECT: IMCO ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT

- 1. WE AGREE SELECTION OF ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT FROM AMONG LATIN AMERICAN MEMBERS WOULD BE TIMELY GESTURE TO REGION, BUT BELIEVE OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION MUST BE ASSURANCE THAT INDIVIDUAL SELECTED HAS COMPETENCE AND SUFFICIENT EXPERIENCE TO ENABLE HIM TO PRESIDE IN EFFECTIVE, EVENHANDED MANNER.
- 2. EMBASSY MAY WISH COMPARE NOTES INFORMALLY WITH UK OFFICIALS THIS REGARD WITH RESPECT TO DE OLIVEIRA CAMPOS. HE IS FORMER MINISTER OF ECONOMIC PLANNING AND FORMER AMB TO US, AND EARLY CAREER INCLIDED UN AND IMF EXPERIENCE. ASSESSMENTS ON RECORD INDICATE HE IS HIGHLY INTELLIGENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND COMPETENT INDIVIDUAL AND FRIENDLY TOWARDS US.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD CONVEY TO IMCO SECGEN CRITERION WE SEE FOR SELECTION OF ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT (PARA 1 ABOVE) AND MAY PURSUE POSSIBILITY OF DE OLIVEIRA CAMPOS WITH HIM IF CONSULTATIONS WITH UK OFFICIALS ACQUAINTED WITH HIM INDICATE HE WOULD BE DESIRABLE CANDIDATE.

4. IN CARRYING OUT FOREGOING, EMBASSY SHOULD AVOID

GETTING OUT AHEAD OF THE LATIN AMERICANS, SINCE IT IS THE

CUSTOMARY PRACTICE OF OUR GOVERNMENT TO DEFER TAKING
A POSITION ON ELECTIONS TO UN BODIES UNTIL THE PREFERENCES
OF THE RESPECTIVE REGIONAL GROUP HAVE BEEN INDICATED. INGERSOLL

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